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Cooperation between the United Nations and the Central European Initiative

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 66/111 of 9 December 2011, by which it granted observer status to the Central European Initiative,

Recalling also the Articles of the Charter of the United Nations that encourage activities through regional cooperation to promote the goals and objectives of the United Nations,

Convinced that the strengthening of cooperation between the United Nations and other organizations contributes to the promotion of the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Appreciating the efforts of the Central European Initiative to strengthen its relations with the United Nations system and with relevant international and regional organizations for the development and implementation of projects and programmes in all priority areas,

1. *Welcomes* the political dialogue encouraged by the Central European Initiative, providing its member States with a flexible and pragmatic platform for regional cooperation on topical issues;

2. *Notes* the activities of the Central European Initiative aimed at strengthening regional cooperation by supporting, elaborating and realizing joint projects in strategic areas in such fields as the environment, transport, energy with a particular focus on energy efficiency and renewable energy sources, tourism, culture, education and the media, as well as other activities in the cultural, economic and scientific fields;

3. *Welcomes*, in this context, the fruitful cooperation between the Central European Initiative and the European Union, as one of the main co-funders of such projects, and supports the efforts of the Central European Initiative to take concrete steps for the establishment of other mutual beneficial partnerships with the European Union;

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4. *Also welcomes* the financing of projects, entirely financed by Italy, through the Central European Initiative Trust Fund at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, which provides mainly grant-type assistance for specific components of technical cooperation projects, linked to large operations of the Bank in Central European Initiative member States not part of the European Union, in a number of areas, including agriculture, transport, energy, assistance to small and medium-sized enterprises, municipal infrastructure and services, banking, insurance, institution-building and capacity-building;

5. *Further welcomes* cooperation between the Central European Initiative and international organizations and international financial institutions in co-financing important projects in the region;

6. *Appeals* for greater cooperation between the Central European Initiative and other regional organizations and initiatives;

7. *Notes* the active role of the Central European Initiative in the field of culture and the media by supporting numerous events and initiatives promoting intercultural dialogue and respect for cultural diversity, as well as media pluralism and media transparency and independence;

8. *Also notes* the active support of the Central European Initiative for the mobility of students and researchers through various instruments and programmes;

9. *Acknowledges* the commitment of the Central European Initiative to contributing to the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals at the regional and global levels;

10. *Notes* the cooperation between the Central European Initiative and the Economic Commission for Europe in the area of enterprise development, with the United Nations Environment Programme in the area of the environment, with the United Nations World Tourism Organization in the area of tourism, with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in the area of agriculture, with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in the areas of education, science and culture and with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in the areas of science and technology;

11. *Also notes* the enhanced cooperation between the Central European Initiative and the Economic Commission for Europe, within the framework of the memorandum of understanding signed in 1998, through the more recent participation by the Central European Initiative in activities of the Commission in Geneva;

12. *Welcomes* the cooperation established with the International Telecommunication Union in the field of remote participation in meetings and, more specifically, e-diplomacy;

13. *Invites* the specialized agencies and other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to cooperate with the Central European Initiative in order to continue joint activities for the achievement of common objectives;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

15. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-ninth session, under the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations", the sub-item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Central European Initiative".